

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) and (b) On 3rd January, 1978, at about 4.00 P.M., information was received at Police Post Timarpur that a dead body was lying near Magazine Road in the area of Police Post Timarpur. Verification established that the deceased was Shri Chaoba Singh, MLA of Manipur. A case FIR No. 10 uttder Section 302 IPC was registered at Police Station Civil Lines and investigated. As a result of the investigation made by the Crime Branch, one person was arrested on 16-2-1978. Further investigation of the case is in progress.

(c) A communication from the Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly was received through the State Government drawing attention to the serious nature of the case and suggesting judicial enquiry for finding actual facts and fixing responsibility. The State Government have been apprised of the facts of the case relating to the unfortunate death of Shri Chaoba Singh and the progress of the investigations.

Increase in Crime in Delhi

114. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI HARSH DEO MALA-
VIYA: DR. V. P. DUTT; SHRI
NRIPATI RANJAN
CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of cases of murders, attempted murders, riots, dacoities, robberies, burglaries, thefts and cases of snatching in Delhi in 1976 and 1977;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of such incidents has gone up recently; and

(c) what are the reasons for the increase in these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) to (c) The crime figures for the years 1974, 1976 and 1977 are as under—

Crime Head	1974	1976	1977
Murder	174	120	183
Attempted murder	273	113	206
Riots	280	38	147
Dacoities	39	5	19
Robbery	343	142	355
Burglary	2756	1588	2673
Thefts	20395	13280	21712
Snatching	208	122	278

For obvious reasons comparison of crime figures should be with the pre-emergency year, 1974. It will be seen that crime under heads attempt to murder, riots, dacoities and burglary during the year 1977 is less compared to 1974. Crime under other heads has recorded a marginal increase which is more than off set by the considerable increase in population. Among the important reasons for increase in crime are free registration of cases, release of bad characters after the revocation of the emergency and coming up of new resettlement colonies.

Increase in the price of cloth

115. SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHA-
PATRO:
SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leading groups of textile mills have recently raised the cloth prices;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government's approval was obtained for raising the price of cloth;